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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of Gloria
4 Dean Harris of Chicago, who passed away on February 15, 2019;
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6 WHEREAS, Gloria Harris was born in Chicago to Verdell and
7 Willie Harris on August 30, 1952; she committed to her faith at
8 an early age and joined Love Fellowship Christian Center; she
9 attended Willa Cather Elementary School and John Marshall High
10 School; she received her degree in business from First Business
11 College; she also attended Malcolm X College, where she earned
12 a degree in early child development; she married Kevin Randale,
13 her high school sweetheart, in January 1972; and

14 WHEREAS, Gloria Harris worked at a VO's restaurant and Howe
15 School; since 2003, she had been a mentor and leader with
16 Community Organizing and Family Issues (COFI) and Parents
17 Organized to Win, Educate and Renew - Policy Action Council
18 (POWER-PAC) Illinois; she served as a vocal advocate for early
19 learning at decision-making tables throughout Chicago, as well
20 as with the Governor's Early Learning Council; she invested
21 thousands of hours for the benefit of families across Chicago;
22 and

1 WHEREAS, Gloria Harris enjoyed spending time with her
2 family; she was kind and considerate; and

3 WHEREAS, Gloria Harris was preceded in death by her mother;
4 her husband, Kevin Randale; her daughters, Erica Harris-Mctoy
5 and Haneefa Harris; her granddaughter, Shalonza Mctoy; her
6 grandson, Naeem Harris Jr., her brothers, Anthony Willie Jr.
7 and Charles Harris; her mother-in-law, Geraldine Randale; her
8 father-in-law, Clyde Randale; and her stepfather, John
9 Gilmore; and

10 WHEREAS, Gloria Harris is survived by her father; her
11 daughters, Aaisha (Byron), Lanise, Tasha, and Adelia; her sons,
12 Naeem, Tabari, Omar, Malcolm, Jamal, and Aaron; her brother,
13 Walter Harris; her sisters, Betty (Robert), Linda (Johnnie),
14 and Chante; her son-in-law, Alonzo Mctoy; her 26 grandchildren;
15 her three great-grandchildren; and her many nieces, nephews,
16 and close friends; therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
18 HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
19 we mourn the passing of Gloria Dean Harris and extend our
20 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew
21 and loved her; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be

1 presented to the family of Gloria Harris as an expression of
2 our deepest sympathy.